

Chase Lane Primary School and Nursery Unit

Today we respectfully extend our condolences to the entire Royal Family and the whole country with the



Welcome to Autumn Term 2022

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all our families as we return to school after our summer break. Welcome to all our new families across school and especially to those in Nursery and Reception who start their school journeys with us this week. The children have settled in very quickly to school routines, adapting to their new classrooms and teachers. We have had year group assemblies and classes across the school have been introduced to their new learning topics. This year we are looking forward to reinstating many of our events in school where parents can attend as we did before the pandemic hit us.

In Memory of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, 1952 -2022

Her Majesty was an extraordinary person, who lived an extraordinary life.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II was the longest reigning Monarch ever in Britain. She overtook the record set by her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, who reigned for just over 64 years and she is the second longest of any monarch in world history.

Queen Elizabeth II was born on 21st April 1926. Her full name is Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor. She was named after her mother, Lady Elizabeth. She had one younger sister named Margaret.

When she was born, Princess Elizabeth was not expected to ever become queen. Her father, Albert, was the Duke of York and it was his older brother, Edward VIII, who was king. However, when Edward abdicated (gave up) the throne in 1936, Elizabeth's father became King George VI. Princess Elizabeth then became heir to the throne.



Sadly, King George VI, passed away on 6th February 1952 and Elizabeth immediately became Queen. She was crowned on the 2nd June 1953 when she was 25 years old. Her coronation happened at Westminster Abbey and was the first coronation to be televised, watched by 27 million people.

The Loves of her life

Queen Elizabeth will be remembered for her marriage of 73 years to The Duke of Edinburgh. She called him her "strength and stay" throughout her long reign.



Elizabeth and Philip had four children together: Prince Charles (1948), Princess Anne (1950), Prince Andrew (1960) and Prince Edward (1964). By the end of 2021, Queen Elizabeth II had eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Sadly, the Duke of Edinburgh died in 2021.



Buckingham Palace

Throughout most of her reign, Queen Elizabeth II has lived in Buckingham Palace in London. Did you know that Buckingham Palace has 775 rooms!



Dogs

How could we forget the other loves of her life? If you don't already know, the Queen was a dog lover and her favourite breed of dog were corgis. The Queen has owned over 30 corgis and at one time she had 13 living in the palace with her!



Talents

Her Majesty had many talents and hobbies including horse riding, pigeon racing and football. Did you know she was an Arsenal supporter? During WW2, when she was 19 years old, Princess Elizabeth joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service where she was trained as a driver and mechanic.



Duties

The Queen took her role of service very seriously and served our nation very well. She met and hosted many world leaders.

Every single year of her reign (apart from 1969 when a documentary was released The Queen decided the family had received enough media coverage that year and decided to write a letter instead) the Queen delivered a Christmas message to the nation.



One Queen, 15 prime ministers



15 different UK Prime Ministers.

Another job of the Queen was to give guidance to the UK's prime ministers, which included former Conservative leader Boris Johnson. Just this week she accepted Boris' resignation and welcomed the new Prime Minister, Liz Truss. In fact, throughout her reign, the Queen served 15 different UK Prime Ministers.



Head of the Commonwealth

The Queen was the Head of the Commonwealth until her death and had been for over 60 years. As Head of the Commonwealth Her Majesty was in regular contact with Government ministers in those countries. In some Commonwealth countries the Queen is a 'constitutional Monarch' which means that she is not involved in the day-to-day business of those governments, but she continues to play an important ceremonial and symbolic role. Now, that Charles is King, he is not just the King of the UK, he takes over as Head of the Commonwealth. The commonwealth countries include Australia, Canada, The Bahamas, and many more. During her reign the Queen visited all the Commonwealth countries on many occasions.



A constant presence in a changing world

Throughout her life, Queen Elizabeth enjoyed and celebrated many wonderful events such as her Silver, Golden and Platinum Jubilees, weddings and births of family members. She has also witnessed many amazing moments in history, for example the first man to walk on the moon, first email sent, demolition of the Berlin wall, inventions such as the world wide web, first computer built, first mobile phone, first ever female Prime Minister in England and the first Black President in the USA.

